

## **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

**Eliminating actual and potential bias from a malpractice claim evaluation process utilizes a double blind evaluation method, which includes the steps of retention by an entity having a direct or indirect interest in the claim of a neutral third party to obtain an independent evaluation of the claim, acquisition by the third party of facts relating to the claim which are sufficient to permit an independent objective evaluation of the claim, retention by the third party of a qualified independent expert to perform the claim evaluation, redaction from the sufficient facts of all facts which would permit the expert to identify any party involved or having an interest in the claim, submission by the third party of the sufficient facts after redaction to the expert in order to permit the expert to make an independent objective evaluation of the claim, preparation by the expert of a written independent objective evaluation of the claim, submission of the written claim evaluation by the expert to the third party, redaction from the written claim evaluation of any information which would permit identification the expert, and submission of the evaluation after redaction to the entity retaining the third party.**